Regulator for Civil Aviation Sector

*38. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a regulator is necessary for Civil Aviation Sector;

(b) if so, what plans Government are having for setting up a full-fledged regulator for this sector;

(c) whether Naresh Chandra Committee has also recommended for setting up of a regulator;

(d) whether Government would think of including this aspect in the proposed Civil Aviation Policy;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Presently, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is functioning as regulator in respect of licensing and safety and Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) as regulator in respect of civil aviation security.

(c) Yes, sir. Naresh Chandra Committee, in addition, has also recommended for establising an Aviation Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA).

(d) to (f) The report is being examined by the Government.

Performance of Nationalised banks

*39. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether nationalised banks have improved their performance in comparison to foreign banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the comparative figures in terms of profit and loss; and

(c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government to improve the functioning and profitability of these nationalised banks?